I file this comment in support of the NAB filed petition of April 14, 2004 -seeking a Declaratory Ruling on satellite radio's broadcasting of local weather
and traffic, and future plans to expand their reach into local radio.
Further, I believe that in granting licenses for satellite radio, the FCC relied
on the express promises by XM Radio Inc. ("XM") and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc.
("Sirius") that their service would be national-only. They would provide
multiple foreign language programming, senior citizens and children's
programming, etc. Because satellite radio would be national, local broadcasters
would not be harmed. Now XM and Sirius have blatantly broken their promises,
launching "localized" traffic and weather service in the top twenty-one markets.
These moves are in direct competition with local RADIO!